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FRISCO MOVES TO STAGE 2, "SPECIAL WINTER WATER REDUCTION" RECOMMENDATIONS DUE TO FALLING LAKE LEVELS

(January 16, 2006) The City of Frisco is advising all of its water customers to reduce consumption due to falling water levels at Lake Lavon, which is Frisco's water source, via the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

Frisco has moved to Stage 2 water restrictions in coordination with NTMWD and its 13 member cities.

"Because 2005 ranks as the driest ever recorded during the months of February through December, it has been necessary to put in place Special Winter Water Reduction Recommendations," said Gary Hartwell, Director of Public Works.

Because of the exceptional drought conditions in the North Texas area, Frisco is recommending water customers take the following measures to reduce water consumption in homes and businesses.

- Use soaker hoses, not sprinklers, to maintain foundation moisture.
- Irrigate landscaping by hand using garden hoses. *(The 30-day exemption for new construction landscaping remains in effect.)*
- Operate residential sprinkler systems in manual mode – and only once per week.
- Reduce usage of ALL non residential irrigation systems by at least 10%.
- Do not water during rain or during temperatures 40° F or below. **Sprinkler systems found operating in low temperatures, creating an icing threat to public health and safety, will be disconnected immediately without prior warning.**
- Do not allow water to spray sidewalks or runoff into streets. A steady stream of water flowing from your property indicates excessive use and is a violation.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Works at 972-335-5520.

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